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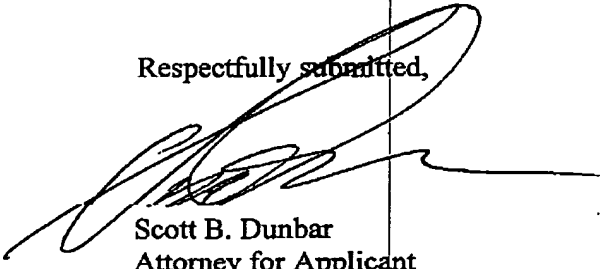
Claims 1 – 36 are pending in the current application. Claims 33 – 36 stand rejected under 35 USC 112. Claims 29 – 31 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Nilsson. Claims 33, and 35 – 36 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Nilsson in view of Lindegren. Claims 1 – 3, 5, 10 – 24, and 32 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Nilsson in view of Gruen. Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 13, 15 – 26, and 29 – 36 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Kato in view of Gruen. Claims 1 – 26 and 29 – 35 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Michael in view of Gruen. Claims 27 and 28 are allowed.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 27 and 28. Claims 10 – 12 and 15 – 18 have been amended to depend from claims 27. Claims 1 – 9, 13, 14, 19 – 26 and 29 – 36 are withdrawn. All claims now pending in the present application depend from allowed claims, and are therefore allowable.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, and the Examiner believe that a teleconference may be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 833-5055 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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